GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1334
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INSTALLATION OF TUBEWELLS IN TAMIL NADU
C. SREENIVAASAN

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of tubewells constructed under various Centre-aided Schemes are not working in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(c) the steps taken by the Government to put them in working condition;

(d) whether the Government propose to install more tubewells in the state during 2000-2001; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A.RAJA)

(a)& (b): The Government of Tamil Nadu has informed that 3051 tubewells including borewells executed under Government aided schemes are not working in Tamil Nadu. These are located mostly in hardcore and drought prone areas of Tamil Nadu such as Coimbatore, Salem, Tiruvannamalai, Vellore, Villupuram, Dharmapuri etc. and the incidence of failure of tubewells/borewells in other districts are very occasional due to localised factors.

(c): As per the information furnished by the Government of Tamil Nadu, the failure of tubewells and borewells is mostly seasonal and is mainly due to lowering of water table because of monsoon failures. During this year the Government of Tamil Nadu has sanctioned Rs. 25 crore under Rejuvenation Programme for reactivation of failed schemes. Alternate sources will be created and these schemes will be put into beneficial use.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): Government of Tamil Nadu has informed that they propose to install 4898 new tubewells/borewells during 2000-2001.